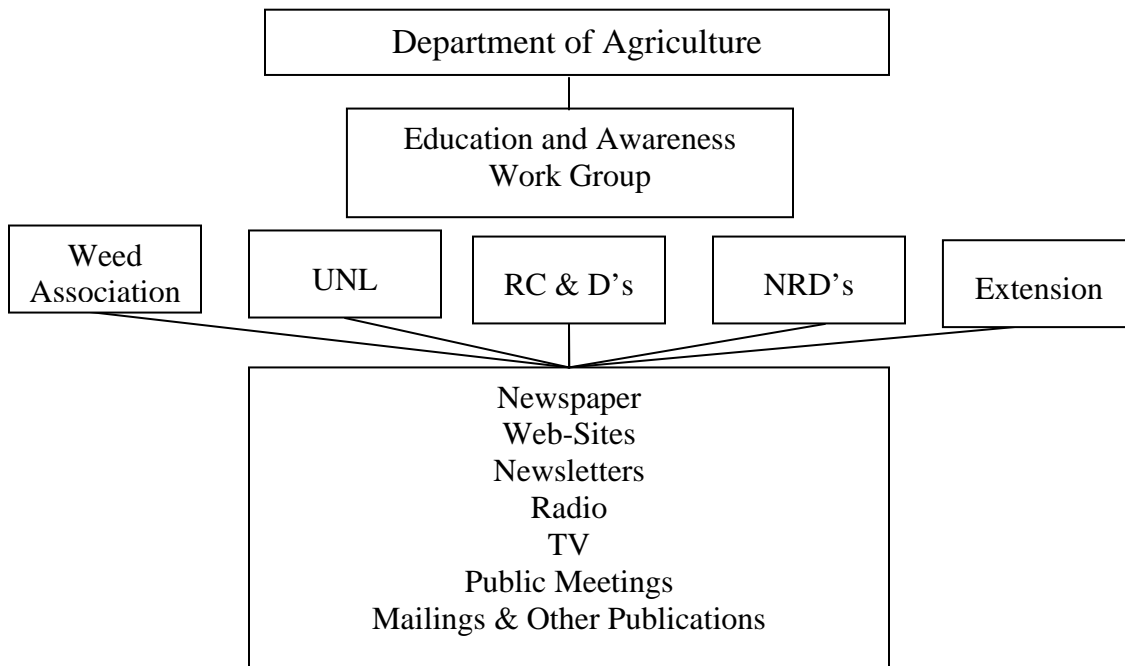


Education and Awareness Work Group Minutes
Report to the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force
Wednesday, March 26th, 2008

The Education and Awareness Work Group is continuing to refine and address the Action Items assigned to the group. We have reviewed the Nebraska NRCS Invasive Plants Subcommittee of the State Technical Committees list of known projects that address invasive plants in Nebraska. In addition we would like to compare this list to what mechanisms the University of Nebraska has in place. The focus of the group is to not reinvent the wheel but further refine existing resources.

Since the Department of Agriculture has been determined to be the lead agency in handling press releases at a statewide level, the group wants to include the person in charge of educational activities at all future meetings.

In further refining the action items assigned to the group the following flow chart was developed to define an organizational structure. This is a draft at this time but the following is how we think it should look.



An Invasive Species Seminar to be held in the Republican Basin at two different sites is being planned. Additional feed back from landowners could be obtained at these meetings which would be valuable to use as we formulate our plan.

We would like to hold one seminar in McCook and the other one somewhere in the eastern part of the basin. Hopefully, Senator Carlson could be the keynote speaker. Other agenda items would include a panel discussion with participating landowners, power point presentations on the Eastern and Western Republican River Riparian Improvement Projects and the Nine Mile Creek Video. The dates have not been finalized but will be sometime in late May.

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